# THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018, CLASSROOM 2

#### 10:00AM - 10:45AM WELCOME

Professors Denise Antolini & David Forman, WSRSL Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, Superior Court of Justice of Brazil (BY VIDEO) Matthew Kollinger & Jacob Kamstra, Editors-in-Chief of the University of Hawai'i Law Review

#### 11:00AM-12:30PM KEYNOTE: ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS

Professor Christina Voigt, WSRSL & University of Oslo Justice Michael Wilson, Hawai'i Supreme Court Professor Daniel Bodansky, Arizona State University Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Lauterpacht Center, University of Cambridge (BY VIDEO)

#### 12:30PM-1:30PM LUNCH (TO BE PROVIDED)

1:30PM-3:30PM PANEL DISCUSSION: CHALLENGES & COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Moderated by Professor Denise Antolini Associate Professor Margaret Young, Melbourne Law School, Australia Professor Lakshman Guruswamy, University of Colorado, USA Senior Lecturer Sumudu Atapattu, University of Wisconsin, USA Professor Bharat Desai, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (BY VIDEO)

#### 4:00PM-6:00PM PANEL DISCUSSION: NEW HORIZONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS

Moderated by Professor David Forman Dr. Francesco Sindico, University of Strathclyde, UK Professor Cristiane Derani, University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil Legal Research Fellow Erick Kassongo, CISDL, Montreal, Canada Professor Markus Gehring, Cambridge University, UK Monica Feria-Tinta, 20 Essex Street Chambers, UK (BY VIDEO)

SPEAKERS	TOPIC
ΑΤΤΑΡΑΤU	THE ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COURTS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS
BODANSKY	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS: UNPACKING THE ISSUES
CORDONIER-SEGGER	PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES IN INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS
DERANI	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN ADDRESSING MARINE POLLUTION BY PLASTIC DEBRIS
DESAI	QUEST FOR GREENING OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AT A TIME OF PERPLEXITY
FERIA-TINTA	"THE PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS IN INTERNATIONAL COURTS OF GENERAL AND LIMITED JURISDICTION: INJURED PARTIES, COMMUNITY INTERESTS, AND ERGA OMNES OBLIGATIONS"
GEHRING	REVIEWING EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS CASES FROM AVIATION TO FISHERIES TO REVIEW THE VERY CHECKERED PICTURE PAINTED BY THE ECJ
GURUSWAMY	JUDICIAL PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS: STATE RESPONSIBILITY AND CIVIL LIABILITY
KASSONGO	INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES: THE CASE OF LAKE TCHAD
SINDICO	WATER AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMON: WHAT ROLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE?
VOIGT	ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS
WILSON	THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS
YOUNG	CONSTRAINTS ON ADJUDICATING THE GLOBAL COMMONS: COMPARING THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS



#### SENIOR LECTURER SUMUDU ATAPATTU

Sumudu Atapattu is the Director of Research Centers and International Programs at the University of Wisconsin Law School, USA. She teaches seminar classes on "International Environmental Law" and "Climate Change, Human Rights and the Environment." She is the Executive Director of the UW-Madison Human Rights Program, Lead Counsel for Human Rights at the Center for International Sustainable Development Law, and affiliated faculty at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights.

Her publications include: Human Rights Approaches to Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities (Routledge, 2016), co-editor, International Environmental Law and the Global South (CUP, 2015), co-author, Human rights and environment: Key Issues (Routledge, forthcoming) and co-editor, The Cambridge Handbook on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development (CUP, forthcoming). She holds an LL.M. and a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, and is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.



#### **PROFESSOR DANIEL BODANSKY**

Daniel Bodansky is Regents' Professor at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. He served as Climate Change Coordinator at the U.S. State Department from 1999-2001). He is a graduate of Harvard (A.B.), Cambridge (M.Phil.) and Yale (J.D.). His book, The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law, received the 2011 Sprout Award

from the International Studies Association as the best book that year in the field of international environmental studies. His new book, International Climate Change Law, co-authored with Jutta Brunnée and Lavanya Rajamani, was published by Oxford University Press in June 2017, and received the 2018 Certificate of Merit from the American Society of International Law as the best book in a specialized area of international law published the previous year.



## PROFESSOR MARIE-CLAIRE CORDONIER SEGGER

Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, DPhil (Oxon) MEM (Yale) BCL and LLB (McGill), BA Hons Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) Full Professor of Law, uWaterloo / LCIL & C-EENRG Fellow, University of Cambridge

She is a distinguished professor, scholar and expert jurist in law and governance on sustainable development. She serves as Senior Director of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), a Full Professor of International Law at uWaterloo and the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Canada; and also Fellow and founding Advisor of the Centre for Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Governance (C-EENRG) and Affiliated Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (LCIL) in the University of Cambridge.

Professor Cordonier Segger has edited/authored 20 books and 120+ papers in five languages, including Sustainable Development in International Courts and Tribunals (Routledge 2017) with HE Justice CG Weeramantry. She edits Cambridge University Press Implementing Treaties on Sustainable Development Series and serves on the Boards of 6 law journals.

She also holds 20 years of international treaty negotiations, research and capacitybuilding experience that spans 79 countries of the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific and the Middle East. As an expert jurist, she serves as Executive Secretary of the Climate Law and Governance Initiative in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); Chair of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Biodiversity Law & Governance Initiative; Rapporteur for the International Law Association's Committee on Sustainable Resources Management; Chair of the World Bank Enviro & NR Law Working Group; and on various Boards of Directors and Foundations. Previously, she has also served as senior official in Canada's Natural Resources, and Environment and Climate Change departments; in the Royal Institute of International Affairs (UK) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada). She holds the international Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum Award, among other international awards and honours.



#### **PROFESSOR CRISTIANE DERANI**

Cristiane Derani is a Professor at the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, on International Economic and Environmental Law. She is the head of the research group on Advanced Studies of Economics and Environment in International Law (EMAE), Researcher of the Brazilian National Research Agency (CNPq). As of August 2018, she is also the Vice-Chancellor of Graduate Studies.

She studied law at São Paulo State University (1988), wrote her Ph.D. dissertation at J.W. Goethe Universitaet, Frankfurt a.M. (1991–1993), and was awarded a Ph.D. in Economic Law at USP (1996) where she also worked as an Associate Professor (1997–2004). In addition, she conducted her post-doctoral studies at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in France (1999) and Aggregation in Law at USP (2001). From 2000 to 2007, she was a Professor at Pablo d'Olavide University in Seville, Spain. Thereafter, she worked as a Visiting Scholar at the European University Institute (2001), a Visiting Professor at the Maison de Sciences de l'Homme (2005), a Visiting Professor at the J.W. Goethe University (2005), a Visiting Professor at the University of Cambridge, UK, (2016), and a Visiting Professor at the New Castle University, Australia, (2018).

She is responsible for the creation of a Master's degree at University of the State of Amazonas (2003). She serves as part of the Brazilian delegation for the COP 8 and 9 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and is a member of the United Nations Program Harmonia with Nature. She is also a member of the steering committee of ELGA-Ecological Law and Governance Association, the network coordinator of the new Latin American constitutionalism for the State of Santa Catarina, a fellow at the C-EENRG Research Center at the University of Cambridge, and a member of the Cambridge Global Food Security.

She published two single-authored monographs: 'Environmental EconomicLaw' and 'Privatisation and PublicService.' She also edited several volumes and published numerous articles on environmental law, economic law, biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable development law. Her main research areas are in international environmental law, globalization and sustainability, climate change, biodiversity, food security, and trade law.



#### **MONICA FERIA-TINTA**

Monica Feria-Tinta is a barrister, a specialist in public international law and inter-state litigation. Her practice covers the full spectrum of public international law areas including law of the sea, boundary delimitation, environmental law, transboundary environmental damage, immunities, state responsibility, treaty interpretation, international investment law, human rights and international dispute resolution.

She has nearly 20 years of experience advising States and parties before international courts and tribunals. She has appeared/advised on cases before the ICJ, Permanent Court of Arbitration, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, UN Human Rights Committee, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, ICSID and SIAC tribunals, UN Special Rapporteurships and diplomatic fora.

Monica has developed particular expertise in international dispute resolution for climate change. She has lectured on the subject worldwide, including at the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Arbitration Week, Centre for Small States, and under the auspices of UNCITRAL/ Thailand Arbitration Centre. She is the author of several publications in international law including an upcoming book by Oxford University Press, "Melting glaciers, disappearing States and endangered populations: International Dispute Resolution for Climate Change" (chapter, Springer) and "The Rise of environmental law in international dispute resolution" (Yearbook on International Environmental Law).

Recent work includes acting before the ICJ (application to intervene) for a party in Legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 (Request for Advisory Opinion), advising Italy on rights under the Convention on the Law of the Sea, before ITLOS, in the Enrica Lexie case (developing the successful arguments that secured provisional measures in favour of Italy), and acting for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on a multi-million pound human rights/tort claim before the High Court. Prior to the Bar Monica worked for international tribunals including the International Court of Justice. She also held academic positions at the LSE and as a Visiting Scholar at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge.

She has been distinguished with the Gruber Justice Prize and the Inge Genefke International Award for groundbreaking work in international litigation. More recently, she was appointed to the IUCN's World Commission on Environmental law, the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. Monica holds an LL.M. with merit from the LSE, was trained by the UN ILC in all areas of general international law (UN Fellowship), and has been awarded the prestigious Diploma of the Hague Academy in International Law.



### **PROFESSOR MARKUS GEHRING**

Dr. Markus Gehring, J.S.D. (Yale), MA (Cantab), LLM (Yale), Dr iur (Hamburg), is an Expert in the Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS), Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Hughes and a Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. He has been a Visiting Professor in several law faculties around the world and held a Jean Monnet Research Chair ad personam in Sustainable Development Law at the University of Ottawa Law Faculty in Canada.

He holds a J.S.D. and LL.M from Yale and a Dr iur from Hamburg. A member of the Frankfurt/Main and Ontario Bars, he practiced European and international trade law with Cleary Gottlieb in their Brussels office. He serves as Lead Counsel for Sustainable Trade, Investment and Finance Law with the Centre of International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), based at McGill University.

He edits the book series on Implementation of Sustainable Development Treaties with Cambridge University Press and is author of several publications on EU, International and Sustainable Development Law.



#### **PROFESSOR LAKSHMAN GURUSWAMY**

Lakshman Guruswamy is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in International Environmental and Global Energy Law. He was born in Sri Lanka and is the Nicholas Doman Professor of International Environmental Law at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU) Law School. Prior to joining CU, he taught in Sri Lanka, the UK, and the Universities of Iowa and Arizona. At CU, he teaches International Environmental Law, Global Energy Justice, Oil and International Relations, and International Law.

He is the director of international energy programs at the Getches-Wilkinson Center, and his research uses interdisciplinary frameworks to explore how and why energy justice calls for the fashioning of practical energy solutions, for the energy poor inhabiting the least developed parts of the developing world.

Lakshman is widely published and is a frequent speaker at scholarly meetings in the US and around the world. He has authored over 50 scholarly articles published in law reviews and other peer reviewed journals, and won the 2016 Senior Scholar award granted by the Environmental Academy of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

He is the author of Global Energy Justice: Law and Policy (West, 2016), the coeditor of International Energy and Poverty: The Emerging Frontiers (Routledge, 2015), International Environmental Law in a Nutshell, (5th ed. 2017), and of Model Laws for Combating Global Energy Poverty (forthcoming Edward Elgar, 2019). He co-authored International Environmental Law and World Order (2nd 1999), Biological Diversity: Converging Strategies (1998), and Arms Control and the Environment (2001). His next book, Using Law to Combat Energy Poverty, is forthcoming in 2019 (Edward Elgar).



### **ERICK KASSONGO**

Erick Kassongo is the Director of Centre Congolais pour le Droit du Développement Durable (CODED). He was admitted to the Kinshasa bar as an attorney fifteen years ago in in the Democratic Republic of the Congo DRC. His research focuses on climate change governance, adaptation and mitigation, sustainable landscapes investments, and sustainable development.

He is an Expert-Member at the African Union working group on extractive industries and a Consultant-Lawyer at Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide ELAW-US. He is an expert on Energies, NDCs and, REDD+ projects as well as a DRC SC society actor on climate change (REDD+ process). He also holds an LLM, in International Commercial Law from the University of Salford (UK), Robert Kennedy College. He is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Waterloo, Canada.



#### **DR. FRANCESCO SINDICO**

Francesco Sindico is a Reader in International Environmental Law at the University of Strathclyde Law School in Glasgow, Scotland, UK. He is also the Co-Director of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, a Centre that covers twelve areas of expertise and whose work is informed by extensive relationships with global practitioners.

Francesco's work focuses primarily on International Environmental Law with particular emphasis on water, climate change, and sustainable development law and governance. He has been working for over ten years in the field of International Water Law addressing the emerging international law applicable to transboundary aquifers, as well as the human right to water and global surface water (and groundwater) governance. In this field, Francesco has collaborated with international organizations in Latin and Central America and in Southern Africa. Climate change is another area where Francesco has developed a lot of his work, e.g., research focusing on the relationship between climate change and trade, climate change and security, and, more recently, climate change litigation.

He is currently leading a global project on climate change litigation covering over 30 countries, which uses a scenario based methodology and explores jurisdictions with little or no climate change litigation. In the field of sustainable development, Francesco has been collaborating with leading non-governmental organizations exploring regional governments' implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. He is also leading the EILEAN (Law, Islands and Sustainable Development) Initiative that explores good legal and policy practices promoting sustainable development on islands with a particular emphasis on the processes that enable island communities to contribute to such legal and policy frameworks. Finally, Francesco is currently advising governments before international courts and aims to bring to the seminar insight both from his research and from his current practice.



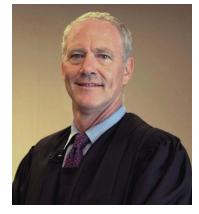
### **PROFESSOR CHRISTINA VOIGT**

Dr. Christina Voigt is a Professor at the Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Norway and an expert in international environmental law. She is the coordinator at the Center of Excellence – Pluricourts – at the University of Oslo and currently enjoys her sabbatical as a Distinguished International Visiting Scholar at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii i at Mānoa.

She works in particular on legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism and sustainability. She is the author of "Sustainable Development as a Principle of International Law" (Brill, 2009), numerous academic articles and several edited volumes; most recently "Research Handbook on REDD+ and International Law (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016), "The Common Interest in International Law" (with W. Benedek et al., Intersentia, 2014), and "Rule of Law for Nature" (Cambridge University Press, 2013). Her forthcoming edited volumes in 2019 are: "Courts and the Environment" (with Z. Makuch, Edward Elgar Publishing) and "International Judicial Practice on the Environment – Questions of Legitimacy" (Cambridge University Press). In 2009, she was awarded the first IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Junior Scholarship Prize for her academic work.

Since 2009, she has been legal advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and the Environment and negotiator in the UN climate negotiations (on REDD+ and compliance). She helped negotiating the Paris Agreement and is currently facilitating the negotiations on the Agreement's compliance mechanism.

Professor Voigt is also the chair of the Climate Change Specialist Group of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and a member of the IUCN Climate Change Task Force.



### ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MICHAEL D. WILSON

Associate Justice Michael Wilson was appointed to the Hawaii State Supreme Court on April 17, 2014, after serving as a Judge of the Hawaii State Circuit Court of the First Circuit since May 10, 2000. As a Circuit Court Judge, he presided over adult drug court, adult mental health court and the felony criminal trial court.

Prior to his appointment as a Circuit Court judge, Justice Wilson was the director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the State Water Commission and a Trustee of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. He was awarded a lifetime membership in the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies in 1999. Previously, he was a partner in the law firms of Pavey Wilson & Glickstein and Hart Wolff & Wilson where he practiced civil and criminal trial and appellate law.

Justice Wilson is and adjunct faculty member of the Jindal Global University Law School in Sonipat India, a member of the Governing Committee of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment; a member of the Climate Change Task Force for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature; a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature; and a member of the International Advisory Committee to the China Ecocivilization Forum.

Justice Wilson received his law degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington D.C., and bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



### ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARGARET YOUNG

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Dr. Young holds a Ph.D. and an LLM from the University of Cambridge, a BA/LLB (Hons) from the University of Melbourne, and has been a Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School. In 2016, she was the Director of Studies for public international law at the Hague Academy of International Law. Dr Young currently serves as an expert for the E15 Initiative convened by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development and the World Economic Forum, and she one of the international legal experts who met in Paris in 2017 to finalize a draft preliminary text for the 'Global Pact for the Environment.'

She is the author of Trading Fish, Saving Fish: The Interaction between Regimes in International Law (Cambridge University Press, 2011), which was awarded the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law Junior Scholar Prize in 2012 and the University of Melbourne Woodward Medal in Humanities and Social Sciences in 2016. Her edited collection Regime Interaction in International Law: Facing Fragmentation (Cambridge University Press, 2012) includes contributions from leading international, comparative and constitutional law scholars. Her latest book, co-authored with colleagues from the Melbourne Law School, is titled: The Impact of Climate Change Mitigation on Indigenous and Forest Communities (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

# ABOUT PLURICOURTS

PluriCourts is a Center of Excellence for the Study of the Legitimate Role of the Judiciary in the Global Order. It is located at the University of Oslo, Faculty of Law. Pluricourts studies the legitimacy of international courts and tribunals (ICs) from legal, political science and philosophical perspectives. The centre explores the normative, legal and empirical soundness of charges of illegitimacy, to understand and assess how ICs do, could and should respond.

PluriCourts explores the multidimensional legitimacy standards which include multilevel separation of authority, independence and accountability, performance and comparative advantages. PluriCourts also aims to identify best practices and models to establish, improve or abolish ICs.

One part of Pluricourt's portfolio relates to an area of international law which is based on collective, public concepts of justice and fairness in the advancement of environmental protection as a public good. It focuses on environmental global commons, common interests and concerns with respect to the environment, such as environmental public goods and common pool resources. The broader scope is meant to capture the large and conceptually overlapping variety of environmental aspects which are of international interest and require multilateral action.

The need for multilateral action can arise for various reasons. It can stem from the need to exclude free-riders from access to a public good (i.e. goods that are non-excludable and non-rival) or from ensuring non-exhaustion of common pool resources. They can also arise from a collective action problem, i.e. a problem the solution of which requires the collaborative effort of states and eventually benefits those states ("effort sharing"), or a problem which is caused by accumulated actions or omissions and addressing is requires a a differentiated set of responses ("burden sharing"), or a challenge linked to generating equal (or preferential) access to and accruing benefits from the use of environmental resource of global interest ("benefit sharing") – or a combination of those.

This project aims at analysing the role of International Courts and Tribunals (ICTs) in addressing such global public goods – in relation to the treaty in question and the court or tribunal chosen. Can ICTs fill the gaps left by international treaty making? Are they the last resort for protecting environmental global public goods in the absence of decisive state action? What is the comparative advantage of ICTs in this context; which substantive and procedural challenges arise and which shortcomings can be observed and why?

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